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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and more particularly in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), Applicant hereby cites the following reference(s):

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Applicant is enclosing Form PTO-1449 (one sheet), along with a copy of each listed reference for which a copy is required under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2). Full machine translations of Japanese Publication No. 47-14416 A and Japanese Publication No. 55-26204 B1 were not available despite our efforts. If the Examiner requires further translations, they can be prepared.

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